



2003 MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE



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PRIORITY ISSUES

- **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT:** Seek authority to establish a Regional Transportation District within the Maricopa County metropolitan area as a regional provider to plan, design, construct, operate and maintain the regional transportation system. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors feels that it is critical to address unresolved issues of governance and accountability *before* Maricopa County voters are asked to consider extending the existing half-cent transportation tax.
- **HOSPITAL/HEALTH CARE:** Seek long-term fiscal and operational stability for Maricopa County's public hospital and health care system.
- **EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA SERVICES ALLOCATION:** Obtain appropriate allocation for Maricopa Medical Center of voter-approved Proposition 303 tobacco tax and Proposition 202 gaming dollars earmarked for uncompensated emergency and trauma services.

SECONDARY ISSUES

◆ Annexation of Small County Islands

Allow counties to initiate, with appropriate notification and public hearing processes, annexations of small, unincorporated areas of ten acres or less, upon a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors, unless a majority of property owners objects to the proposed annexation.

◆ Animal Care and Control

Allow a county Board of Supervisors to establish a license fee penalty in the event that application is not made until after the current license has expired. Also change the age at which a dog must be licensed from four months of age to three months of age to parallel the State of Arizona Manual for Rabies Control and Bite Management.

◆ Correctional Health

Allow an increase in the maximum amount that the Sheriff may charge an inmate for inmate initiated health service or for prescription drugs dispensed by county jail health services.

SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

If Initiated by Other Parties

❑ Aggravated Assault on Constables

Support efforts by the Constables Association to pursue changes to the aggravated assault statutes. Currently, statute lists several classes of individuals whereby, if they are assaulted while in the execution of their official duties, assault charges are increased to an aggravated assault and therefore a felony, rather than the misdemeanor of simple assault. Currently covered are peace officers, teachers, school nurses, firefighters, medical technicians and paramedics, health care practitioners and prosecutors. This proposal would include constables and deputy constables, as well, as they are required to serve processes such as evictions and seizures of property, which often make them prime targets of assault.

❑ AHCCCS Coverage for Incarcerated Persons

Support County Supervisors Association efforts to allow incarcerated individuals who are deemed eligible to be covered by the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) for their medical expenses.

❑ Annexation of Roadways

Support Representative Steve Huffman's ad hoc study committee efforts to examine issues relating to city and town acquisition of county rights-of-way and roadways when annexing contiguous property.

❑ Homelessness/Mental Health

Support strategies to expand the supply of transitional and permanent housing for the homeless, as well as efforts to provide support for continuum of care programs to help bring homeless individuals to self-sufficiency.

❑ Responsibility for Pre-Booking Medical Costs

Support County Supervisors Association efforts to remove the financial responsibility from counties for medical costs incurred by individuals *before* they are booked into local county jails.

❑ Revisions to Sanitarian Statutes

Support Public Health Association efforts to require the sanitarian council to establish standards for registration renewal, continuing education requirements and reciprocity.